AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend page 1, 1st paragraph as follows:

The present invention relates to an internet forwarding method as described in the preamble of claim 1, and the related system as described in the preamble of claim 5 therefor.

Please amend page 2, 2nd full paragraph as follows:

According to the invention, this object is achieved by the method as described in claim! and the corresponding related system as described in claim 5. Indeed, by forwarding packets from an edge router of the private network to the globally addressed private host only based on the global internet address, and vice versa it is avoided that the internet packets have to be encapsulated, in this way reducing the overhead. Because it is possible to dynamically change the path along which the packets are routed, the single point of failure is avoided and in this way, the robustness has improved. This way of handling also solves the load-balancing problem of the prior art situation.

Please amend page 2, 3rd full paragraph as follows:

Another characteristic feature of the present invention concerns the implementation of the method using the Open shortest Path protocol as described in claim 2, the corresponding system as described in claim 6 and the corresponding related device as described in claim 9.

Please amend page 3, 1st full paragraph as follows:

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A further characteristic feature of the present invention concern the implementation of the method using the Resource ReServation Protocol, further referred to RSVP, as described in claim 3, the corresponding system as described in claim 7 and the corresponding related device as described in claims 10, 11 and 12.

Please amend page 3, 3rd full paragraph as follows:

Another characteristic feature of the present invention concerns the implementation of the method using a multicasting protocol as described in claim 4, the corresponding system as described in claim 8 and the corresponding related devices as described in claims 13, 14 and 15.